

Habitat Study Group Notes: May 07, 2009

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Agenda:

- 1) Current basic framework and schedule for HSG process
- 2) Needs from Science Program to progress:
 - What is known about funding?
 - What is the deliverable?
 - How does this interface with related processes?
 - Adaptive management process?
- 3) Action Items/Next Steps

- 1) The group went over the HSG charge, need for peer review, and progress to date with the Science Program.
- 2) The Science Program suggested that the peer review would probably be best following about a month for the members of the peer review panel to prepare and present during a question and answer session akin to the EWA review. (This is a schedule change, and would mean releasing the draft plan first, then having the meeting to receive comments ~4 weeks later).

The Science Program also encouraged us to clarify the public input process and be aware of the amount of work that may be involved. Also, how would the peer review panel deal with reviewing how the HSG dealt with technical input from the public?

Their specific needs did include:

- Need to let them know the charge of the group immediately (deliverables, tasks).
- As soon as possible, need to know the breadth of expertise required. *We informed them that it would be broad, crossing same issues as POD.*
- Settle on final schedule for the scope

3) Action Items:

Steve will check on funding source issue for peer reviewers and get back to Lauren ASAP

Steve will redraft schedule for group approval in light of Science Program's recommendations

Steve will draft scope for independent peer review, including charge and expertise

Steve will discuss public input process with Service management and Solicitor